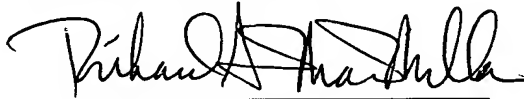


REMARKS

Translations of the German '085 reference and the German '848 reference are enclosed with the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

New independent Claim 43 defines the invention as a hydroforming apparatus that includes a ram adapted to support a first section of a first die thereon, a base adapted to support a first section of a second die thereon, and an intermediate platen located between the ram and the base and adapted to support a second section of the first die and a second section of the second die thereon. The intermediate platen is movable relative to the ram between a closed position and an opened position, and further is movable relative to the base between a closed position and an opened position. An actuator extends between the ram and the intermediate platen for selectively positioning the intermediate platen in the closed and opened positions relative to the ram, and a pin extends between the ram and the intermediate platen for selectively positioning the intermediate platen in the closed and opened positions relative to the base. Neither the German '085 reference nor the German '848 reference disclose this structure.

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